

2007 ELK SEASON QUOTAS AND DATES

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6232.4300 ~~SEASONS AND~~ 2007 SEASON DATES AND QUOTAS FOR TAKING ELK.

Subpart 1. Taking elk. Elk may be taken by a licensed hunter using a legal firearm or a legal bow and arrow during seasons authorized by the commissioner.

Subp. 2. Season dates. Licensed hunters may take elk during the following seasons:

A. Season A: September 15 to 23, 2007; and

B. Season B: December 1 to 9, 2007.

Subp. 3. Quotas. The number of available licenses for the 2007 elk hunting season is six, distributed as follows:

A. Season A: three licenses valid for legal antlerless elk only; and

B. Season B: three licenses valid for legal antlerless elk only.

Subp. 4. Open area. Licenses are valid for taking elk within the primary elk zone prescribed in part 6232.4600, subpart 1.

6232.4400 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING ELK.

Subpart 1. License requirement. The license is valid for a party of one or two persons and only for the season selected through the procedure described in part 6232.4500, subpart 3.

[For text of subps 2 to 7, see permanent rules.]

6232.4500 ELK LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

Subpart 1. General provisions. The provisions in this part apply to the elk license application process.

[For text of items A to D, see permanent rules.]

E. ~~An application fee of \$20 in the form of a cashier's check, money order, or personal check made payable to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.433, subdivision 3, must accompany each application of two hunters.~~ Checks returned to the department for nonpayment will invalidate the application. Refunds of application fees will not be made for any reason.

[For text of item F, see permanent rules.]

[For text of subp 2, see permanent rules.]

Subp. 3. Drawing procedure.

A. If one or more qualified landowners apply, a drawing to select one landowner shall occur first. Five more parties shall then be selected in a general drawing for a total of six successful parties. If no qualified landowners apply, all six licenses shall be drawn from the general pool of applicants.

B. There shall also be alternate parties drawn from the pool of unsuccessful parties, consisting of the remaining landowners and the parties from the general drawing, in case successful parties decide not to purchase their permit. Alternate parties shall not be notified that they are an alternate party unless a successful party decides not to purchase a permit, in which event the alternate party may purchase an elk license.

6232.4600 ELK ZONES.

Subpart 1. Primary Elk Zone. The Primary Elk Zone consists of that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 89 and Marshall County Road (CR) 145; thence along CR 145 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 6, Marshall County; ~~thence along CSAH 6 to CR 133, Marshall County; thence along CR 133~~ to the northwest corner of Section 16, Township 157 North, Range 39 West; thence north along the west line of Sections 9 and 4, Township 157 North, Range 39 West, to the Moose River; thence along the southerly shore of said river to CR 706, Beltrami County; thence along CR 706 to its intersection with the east line of Section 5, Township 157 North, Range 38 West; thence along the east line of Sections 5 and 8, Township 157 North, Range 38 West to County Highway (CH) 701, Beltrami County; thence along CH 701 to the northwest corner of Section 5, Township 156 North, Range 38 West; thence along the line between Township 156 North and Township 157 North to the northeast corner of Section 2, Township 156 North, Range 39 West; thence along an unnumbered township road, Marshall County,

that coincides with the line between Township 156 North and Township 157 North, to CSAH 53, Marshall County; thence along CSAH 53 to the southeast corner of Section 31, Township 157 North, Range 39 West; thence along the line between Township 156 North and Township 157 North to STH 89; thence along STH 89 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 2. Secondary Elk Zone. The Secondary Elk Zone consists of all of Marshall County east of State Trunk Highway (STH) 89, and that portion of Beltrami County lying within Northwood and Benville Townships (T 157N R 38W and T 156N R 38W) and may be opened in addition to the primary zone by written notification from the commissioner. Notification, if made, will be at the elk hunter orientation sessions at the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6232.4300, 6232.4400, 6232.4500, and 6232.4600 expire December 31, 2007. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.